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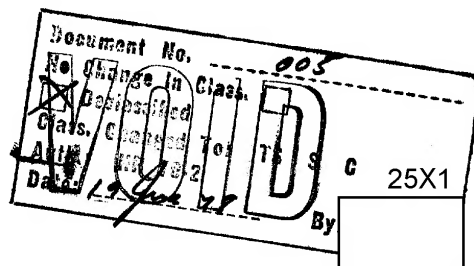
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1. A campaign has been initiated in Yugoslavia for greater public support of pre-military training of Yugoslav youth outside the framework of the Army. Many organizations have shown disapproval of the program, and it has had little assistance from the Peoples Committees which feel that pre-military training should remain in the hands of the Armed Forces.
2. In Korcula, Lastova, Zadar, Benkovci and many other localities, these training units have small and irregular attendance. Special counselors of the Mjesni Narodni Odbor (Local Peoples Committee) often pay no attention to the pre-military training program and excuse many young men from attending the courses without reason. For this dereliction of duty the counselors reportedly will be tried on charges of activities inimical to the state.
3. A program is being worked out to arrange for the 1933 class to begin pre-military training in February 1950. The local Peoples Committees have submitted lists of those eligible to the respective military districts. Party propagandists are stressing to the youth the reasons and necessity for pre-military training.

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